

LONG ISLAND MARITIME MUSEUM
Baymen's Oral History Group
• John Tucker •

LIMM Research Associate John Kochiss recorded this interview with Mr. Tucker on 03 August 1977. In it, he describes life as a bayman in the West Sayville area.



TAPE: John Tucker, Baymen's Activities

Contents:

- Activities on the oyster boat "Still," owned by William Rudolph and run by Mr. Tucker's father (0:00-15:00).
- The influence of the Long Island Railroad on the oyster industry (15:00-18:00).
- A bayman's life; various jobs in an oyster house (18:00-26:00).
- Tonging oysters through the ice (26:00-28:00).

*All times are approximate indications
of subject/topic areas.*



*Clockwise,
from upper left:
Tonging for oysters;
oyster barrels labelled
for shipping;
loaded wagon en
route to railroad
station; tonging for
oysters in winter;
culling oysters.*

